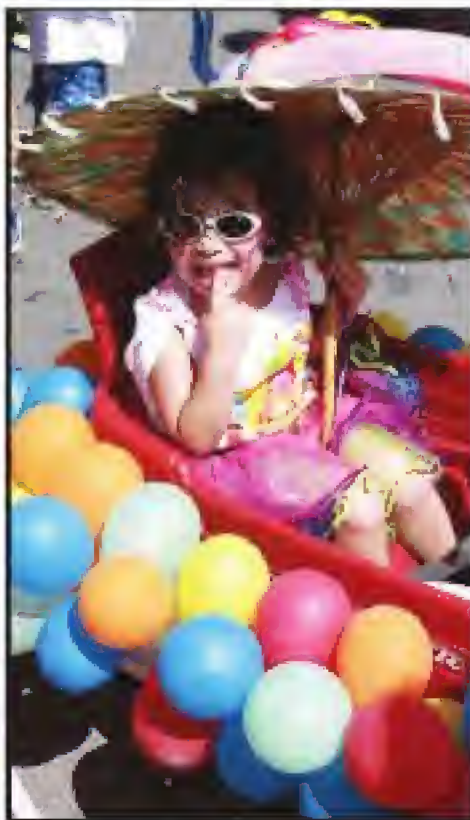


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## Aruba's 19th annual Balloon Parade a winner!



SAN NICOLAS -- The first of Aruba's Diamond Jubilee Carnival daytime parades took place this past Sunday, January 26, in San Nicolas: the always delightful Parada di Blaas, or Balloon Parade. The tens of thousands of artfully deployed balloons insures it is always a colorful procession wending its way through the town's quaint streets.

Add to that the charm of costumed kids of all ages, from babies to teens, and you have a winning island experience. Jolly Whiz Kids Carni-

val Group, which only appears in the parades for youngsters, topped the list of six groups with 500 participants, illustrating this year's landmark anniversary with their theme "Shine Like a Diamond." Little Groovers came in second with 300 children under their banner.

The costumes and floats of this casual, fun parade mirror the attitude of the annual Torch Parade, the very first of many such events over the carnival season. As the first day parade it is a relaxed but ebullient effort, a "warm-up" for the more formal and lux-

urious children's parades to come.

This year, the efforts of Aruba's Quota Club to be mindful of protecting hearing was observed by all, with earplugs provided for all young participants and offered to youthful spectators along the route. Similarly, Mediocosmetics agency sent out their "Sun Protection Patrol," armed with cans of spray on Neutrogena sun block, to insure that little ones would sleep comfortably after a long afternoon under Aruba's intense sun.

The entire day was an ideal mix of fun and adorable youthful antics, with a good time had by all. This coming Sunday, February 2, Oranjestad will host the Youth Parade, beginning at noon.

(see more photos on pg 2)

By Rosalie Klein

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## US, tech firms agree on spy agency data disclosure

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States agreed to give technology firms the ability to publish broad details of how their customer data has been targeted by US spy agencies, officials said Monday.

Facing a legal challenge and a furious public debate, Attorney General Eric Holder and Director of National Intelligence James Clapper said the companies would now be allowed to disclose figures on consumer accounts requested.

"The administration is acting to allow more detailed disclosures about the number of national security orders and requests issued to communications providers," the officials said in a joint statement.

In a letter to tech giants Facebook, Google, LinkedIn, Microsoft and Yahoo, the Justice Department freed them to release the approximate number of customer accounts targeted.

President Barack Obama's administration has faced pressure from the tech sector following leaked documents outlining vast surveillance of online and phone communications. The companies have said the reports have already

begun to affect their business.

Facebook, Google, LinkedIn, Microsoft and Yahoo, which sued for the right to publish more data, said in a joint statement they were pleased with the settlement.

"We filed our lawsuits because we believe that the public has a right to know about the volume and types of national security requests we receive," the companies said.

"We're pleased the Department of Justice has agreed that we and other providers can disclose this information. While this is a very positive step, we'll continue to encourage Congress to take additional steps to address all of the reforms we believe are needed."

Under the agreement filed with the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court the companies will be able to disclose the numbers, within ranges.

They will have an option to reveal within bands of 1,000 the numbers of "national security letters" and specific court orders. Another option will be to disclose, in bands of 250, all the national security requests, lumped together.





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## Quota Club of Aruba initiates their annual Carnival campaign



ORANJESTAD -- Aruba's Diamond Jubilee Carnival is in full swing, which means a full schedule of events, almost always accompanied by several bands and disco trailers playing music and exceptionally high decibel levels. The Aruba chapter of Quota Club International had made preserving hearing and helping those that are hearing impaired one of their major goals throughout the year, but particularly during carnival time, when ear damage due to overly loud music is a proven threat.

Youngsters are particu-

larly vulnerable, and this year's posters and promotions particularly target tender young ears. Quota Club President Ivy Simon welcomed island media to introduce the current campaign, a few days before the first big children's parade, the Balloon Parade in San Nicolas. The posters will be placed in schools, churches, and youth facilities.



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Quota members paid tribute to their steadfast sponsors

over the last few years. Maryann Arends, representing Valero accepted a beautiful collage of past carnivals where children were pictured using the 10,000 earplugs Valero's donation enable Quota volunteers to distribute freely. W.E.B. Aruba N.V., Aruba's water and power providers, donate the funds for 6,000 specialty earplugs, sized particularly for children. Asja Dongen a collage on their behalf.

Also singled out for special mention was the carnival group Los Laga Bai, repre-

sented by Emil de Cuba. The group has worked closely with Quota since early on, insuring that all their participants wear earplugs and protect their hearing.

The earplugs provided are simple to use and quite inexpensive. Usually selling at only one florin a pair, (\$ .57 cents US) they are available at drug stores, gas stations and many markets. All who are participating in carnival

are strongly urged to use them, particularly children and youth. Quota volunteers remind all participants and

spectators that once hearing is lost in these situations, it is almost impossible to regain. Protect your hearing, and

your children's, whether dancing in the parades or sitting on the sidelines!

By Rosalie Klein

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## Aruba's 60th Carnaval's "Tumberito Festival" was a huge success! Winners are: Tahira Wever in Children's category and Francienne Vos in Youth's category



Winner and finalists in Children's category

ORANJESTAD -- Last Friday evening the Carnaval 60th Tumberito Festival took place. The level of this festival was of high quality, as all the participants give a tremendous presentation.

All the singers were accompanied by an All-Star Band under guidance of "the master" Raul Pillar who also did a stupendous job. They are young musicians with love for music and very disciplined. All the children had the opportunity to prepare themselves good and this showed in their presentation.

In celebration of Aruba's 60th Carnaval SAC received two extra prizes from the Culture Department. These prizes were given as motivation prizes for the best composer and best arranger. Both prizes were won by Jason Isenia, who was very professional in sticking to the rules making sure that everything was delivered on time even earlier and also cooperating fully with the singers he represented.

SAC is very happy and proud to announce the Festival's winners.

### Children's category:

1st place: Tahira Wever; 2nd - Xenon Daal; 3rd - Sandy Loefstop; 4th - Priscilla Quant; 5th - Ashanti Martes.

### Youth Category:

1st place: Francienne Vos who defended her crown; 2nd - Mary Jane Vrolijk; 3rd

- Jilleen Wester; 4th - Ashanti Rodriguez; 5th - Ethleen Semerel.

Rookie of the Year went to Sandy Loefstop in the Children's category who got up

on the stage and give a presentation in front of a big crowd as if he did this every day.

Most Popular singers were: Tahira Wever (child-

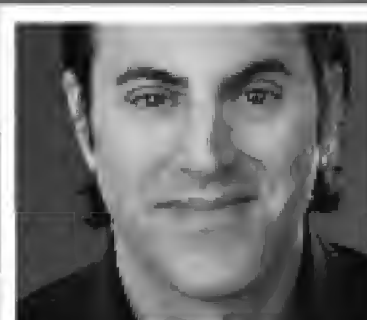
### Youth category winner

dren's category) and Mary Jane Vrolijk (youth's category). Ashanti Martes won best costume in the children's category and Mary Jane Vrolijk in the youth category.



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## Indian Association of Aruba Celebrates 65th Republic Day of India

### An Expo this week in UNOCA on the life of Gandhi and other artifacts of India

This weekend India celebrated 65th Anniversary of its Republic Day. On this occasion, Indian Association of Aruba is organizing, with co operation of UNACO, an exhibition on Indian artifacts and life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. We invite people in Aruba to visit the expo in Unoca from 9 am to 5 pm until Friday the 31st January.

Gandhiji was a reformer, freedom fighter and a great visionary from India. He studied bar-at-law in London and started his legal practice in India. In 1893, he was sent by one of his clients to Durban in South Africa to represent him for a few months. During his train journey from Durban to Pretoria, he was thrown out of a first class railway compartment on the wishes of a white passenger even though he had a valid ticket. This historic journey brought him face to face with the stark realities of British rule and he stayed there for 21 years until all his main demands were met by British colonizers. An American biographer wrote, 'General Smuts did what every other Government that ever opposed Gandhi had to do – he yielded.'

As a child, he was shy and timid but his personal experience of indignities obliged him to tap his hidden moral resources and turned this ordinary person in to 'Mahatma- A Great Soul'. His principles of non-violence & truth gave courage to millions of unarmed people all over the world as they got attention and admiration of the world. The story of this great miracle is

also the story of Gandhi's life.

His work in South Africa done, Gandhiji listened to the call of his mother land and started a unique freedom struggle with his principles of 'NON-VIOLENCE & TRUTH'. He believed in hating the sin and not the sinner. He called his principles as 'Satyagraha' i.e. holding fast to truth and being firm in a righteous cause. He was thus ready to defy and willing to suffer. His non-violence was not of a weak person but of a strong person with strict rules for his followers. He harbored no personal ill-will against the perpetrators of crime as he believed that they were misled.

'An eye for an eye will make the whole world blind'- said Gandhi. He not only made India free from the British rule but also aimed at a complete moral and social regeneration and gave a new moral stature to India. He was a friend of man as a man and above all nations, race or religions. To him, a goal by itself did not justify the means. He insisted on achieving a worthy goal through pure and moral means. 'Simple living and high thinking' was his motto and he relied on self help in all his daily chores to economise his cost of living. Gandhi said, 'Civilization does not mean multiplication but a deliberate and voluntary reduction of wants. The earth provides enough to satisfy everyman's need but not but not everyone's greed.' He was greatly influenced by the philosophy of non-possession as per Gita- a world famous Hindu scripture.

He had also studied early in his life about other religions like Islam, the new testaments of Christians, Buddhism, Jainism and thus the attitude of respect for all religions and desire to understand best in each one of them were thus planted early in his life.

Gandhiji always practiced what he preached and until his last day at the age of 79, he used to spin a wheel called 'charkha' to make cotton. This Charkha became a symbol of his principles and teachings. Gandhiji is rightly said to be a saint amongst the politicians and a politician amongst the saints. The moral influence of Gandhi's personality and his gospel of Non Violence & Truth cannot be weighed in any material scale. The value of these principles not limited to any particular time, generation or country but it is his imperishable gift to the humanity. Gandhiji himself has written numerous book and articles on various topics including religion, universal brotherhood, importance of women, education, economics, ecology, trusteeship and sustainable all-round development. He laid down sound philosophical grounds for the society, its economic growth and the politicians. In the words of Martin Luther King Jr, "The intellectual and moral satisfaction that I fail to gain from anywhere else, I found in the non-violent resistance philosophy of Gandhi."

**Prakash Gupta**  
President, Indian Association of Aruba

## Southwest to begin flights to Aruba, the Bahamas and Jamaica in July



DENVER- Southwest Airlines Co said on Monday it will start flights to Aruba, the Bahamas and Jamaica in July, the first international flights under the Southwest brand.

The U.S. carrier currently offers flights to Mexico and the Caribbean through AirTran, which it acquired in 2011. The carrier has been re-vamping its reservations system so it can handle international bookings.

Southwest's first flights to Aruba, Montego Bay, Jamaica, and Nassau, Bahamas, will depart from Atlanta, Baltimore/Washington D.C. and Orlando.

By year's end, all current AirTran international flights will be converted to Southwest, Chief Executive Gary Kelly told a media conference that was broadcast over the Internet.

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## Liberty Global says to buy Dutch Ziggo for 10 bn euros

THE HAGUE (AFP) - US cable giant Liberty Global is to buy Dutch operator Ziggo in a deal worth 10 billion euros (\$13.7 billion), as the US company pushes its march into strategic European markets.

The stock and cash offer implies a price of 34.53 euros per share, both companies said in a statement on Monday.

"Our combined operations will reach over 90 percent of all Dutch households allowing us to compete more effectively with the other national telecommunications and satellite platforms in the Netherlands, and at the same time generate significant revenue and operating efficien-

cies," said Liberty Global's CEO Mike Fries.

Colorado-based Liberty Global already operates in the Netherlands through UPC and last year bought a half-billion euro stake in Ziggo, its latest acquisition in Europe after buying Virgin Media in a merger valued at \$23.3 billion.

That mega-deal covered 47 million homes and serve 25 million customers in 14 countries.

The purchase of Ziggo gives access to seven million Dutch homes, providing 10 million video, broadband internet and telephony services to over four million customers, the statement said.

## Hernandez sworn in as Honduras president

TEGUCIGALPA (AFP) - Conservative Juan Orlando Hernandez was sworn in Monday to a four-year term as president of Honduras, vowing "zero tolerance" against crime in the impoverished country's battle against illegal drugs.

He took the oath of office in a ceremony at the National Stadium attended by an estimated 30,000 people.

Hernandez, 45, a lawyer, inherits a deeply divided country of 8.5 million people where 71 percent of the population lives in poverty and a spiraling homicide rate has reached 20 murders per day, one of the highest in the world.

"The party is over for criminals," Hernandez said after his swearing in, adding that he would allow "zero tolerance on crime" and "reduce homicide more" in the coming months.

He also promised to increase the presence of military and civil police on streets, recruit new troops, and rid criminal elements from the country's police, prosecutors and judges.

Hernandez invited US President Barack Obama and the US Congress to recognize their "common, but different responsibilities" on drug trafficking, one of the main factors behind Honduran violence, calling for both countries to "work together."

## Swiss watchmaker Raymond Weil dies at 87

ZURICH (AFP) - Raymond Weil, founder of the watch brand of the same name and considered one of the great innovators of the Swiss watch industry, has died at 87, the company said on Monday.

He made his name by putting the luxury watch within reach of the pockets of people with style without fortunes.

Weil, who retired from the company's board only last September and who remained honorary president, died "peacefully" on Sunday, the company said in a statement, without providing further details.

Born in Geneva in 1926, Weil first made his foray into the watch industry at Camy

Watch, of which he soon took the reins.

In 1976, in the midst of an industry-wide crisis, he decided to go it alone and created his own company focused on putting into practice his vision that timepieces should be high-quality and with superior design, but at affordable prices.

Raymond Weil has grown to become one of the jewels of the Swiss watchmaking industry, counting about 200 employees and four branches outside of Switzerland.

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## Brazil's Snowden petition hits 1m signatures

BRASÍLIA (AFP) - An internet campaign calling for US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden to be granted asylum in Brazil has gathered more than one million signatures, online activist group Avaaz said Monday.

Avaaz launched the campaign a month ago, hoping to gain more than one million signatories but now the group has revised its target to 1.25 million.

The organization believes the fugitive Snowden should "be recognized as a whistleblower acting in the public interest -- not as a dangerous criminal" after the former National Security Agency contractor disclosed details of a vast intelligence operation monitoring millions of phone calls and emails worldwide.

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff slammed Washington after it emerged US surveillance had extended to calls

from within her own office as well as major state firms such as oil giant Petrobras.

Rousseff cancelled an October visit to the United States in protest but has not commented on the possibility of offering Snowden asylum.

Last month, in an open letter to Brazilian media, Snowden indicated that "until a country grants permanent political asylum, the U.S. government will continue to interfere with my ability to speak."



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## Florida clears key hurdle to 'medical marijuana'

MIAMI (AFP) - Organizers in Florida have collected enough signatures to put a measure on legalizing medical marijuana to a vote, activists announced on Monday.

Advocates seeking to legalize pot for medicinal purposes in Florida said they exceeded the 683,149 signatures needed to put the measure on the ballot by almost 40,000.

"We're thrilled at the prospect of making history in Florida and helping Floridians decide compassionate care laws," said Ben Pollara, campaign manager of People United for Medical Marijuana, in a statement. A total of 722,416 signatures were collected.

They now must await a ruling from the state Supreme Court on the legality and the wording of the measure, which is being challenged by state officials.

Republican Governor Rick Scott and conservative politicians in the state have vowed to fight the measure, which voters will have the chance to weigh in on in the November 4 election.

The issue of recreational and medical cannabis use is controversial in the United States, where opponents fear criminality tied to drug abuse and addiction, and say pot use could lead to dependence on harder drugs.

US public opinion on the matter has been changing quickly, however.

President Barack Obama in an interview published last week said he believes that smoking pot is no more dangerous than drinking, although he still considers it a "bad idea."

Earlier this month, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that he will authorize the medical use of marijuana, making his one of nearly two dozen US states to do so. California in 1996 became the first state to legalize medical marijuana.

Meanwhile, Colorado has gone one step further, allowing adults in the state beginning this month to buy small amounts of marijuana for recreational use.

According to an October 2013 Gallup poll, 58 percent of Americans favor legalizing marijuana.

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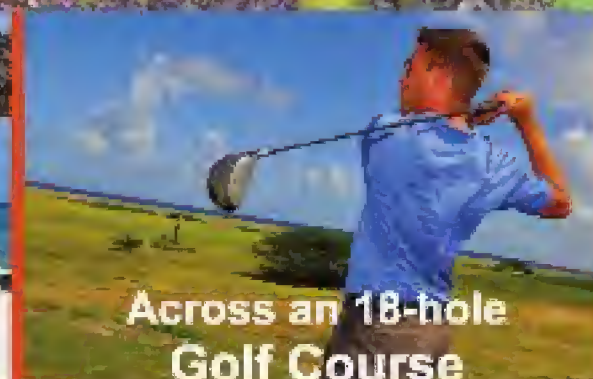
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## Peru satisfied with ICJ sea border ruling, Chile dismayed

LIMA (AFP) - Peruvians celebrated Monday after the UN's highest court gave Lima economic rights over a slice of fisheries-rich Pacific in a 100-year-old dispute with neighboring Chile.

In Santiago, Chile's President Sebastian Pinera called the decision by the International Court of Justice "a lamentable loss for our country."

In Lima's central Plaza de Armas, however, hundreds of Peruvians burst into joy, shouting "Viva Peru" and "Justice

has been done!" after the ruling was issued in The Hague.

Peru's President Ollanta Humala said the decision was "reason for satisfaction." "We have won more than 70 percent of our entire demand," Humala said. "This ruling will be adhered to and respected by Peru and we are confident that Chile will similarly abide by it."

With flags waving and faces painted in the national red and white colors, Peruvians in the square listened attentively as the ruling was read out.

When a map was shown with the new maritime limits that appeared to favor their side, Peruvians began celebrating, accompanied by musicians playing traditional songs.

The ICJ judges confirmed Chile's sovereignty over waters up to 80 nautical miles from the coast but handed Lima a large swathe of fish-rich ocean beyond that limit.

In doing so, they changed the boundaries that Chile has claimed under treaties signed with Peru in the early 1950s.

Peru filed suit with the court in 2008.

In a message from Santiago's La Moneda presidential palace, Pinera said the decision meant Chile must cede economic rights to 20,000 to 22,000 square kilometers (7,700 to 8,500 square miles) west of the 80-mile limit.

"While Chile maintains in full its freedom of maritime and air navigation in this zone, without a doubt this transfer is a lamentable loss for our country," Pinera said.



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## One in 4 Japan tsunami children needs psychiatric care

TOKYO (AFP) - One in four nursery school children caught up in Japan's 2011 tsunami disaster has psychiatric problems caused by the horrors of loss and destruction, with experts warning of a dire shortage of psychiatrists.

Researchers say that for some children, the effects may be felt throughout their lifetimes unless they get the help they so urgently need.

A study found 25.9 percent of children aged between three and five suffer from symptoms including vertigo, nausea and

headaches, with some exhibiting worrying behaviour such as violence or withdrawal.

Youngsters were scared by losing friends, seeing their homes destroyed, by separation from parents or by the sight of the huge wall of water that crashed ashore, the study team said.

The group, led by professor Shigeo Kure of Tohoku University School of Medicine, said young children who do not receive the necessary care could develop much worse problems in later life.

These could include developmental disorders and learning disabilities, which would affect academic achievement and employment prospects, "as they may have trouble in communicating with other people due to the influence of experiences related to the disaster", Kure told AFP.

More than 18,000 people died when a 9.0-magnitude undersea earthquake sent a towering tsunami into Japan's northeast coast in March 2011.

The country's worst post-World War II disaster was compounded by reactor meltdowns at the Fukushima nuclear power plant, which sent tens of thousands of people fleeing from radiation.

Researchers looked at 178 children whose parents or guardians agreed to cooperate in the three areas worst-hit by the catastrophe -- Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima.

They used an internationally recognised child behaviour checklist and met children between September 2012 and June last year.

The level of children who need psychiatric care is up to three times that seen in parts of Japan unaffected by the disaster -- for example, 8.5 percent of children in Mie prefecture in central Japan need help.

What makes the situation more difficult is the scarcity of child psychiatrists in rural Japan.

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## Uruguay marijuana law paves way for sleep study

MONTEVIDEO (AFP) - Uruguayan scientists, taking advantage of their country's legalization of marijuana, will study the long-term effects of the drug on sleep, a local newspaper reported.

A multi-disciplinary group of researchers from the University of the Republic will launch its study as soon as the law -- approved in early December to regulate the production, sale and distribution of marijuana -- goes into force, the El Observador newspaper reported Sunday.

The researchers aim to determine how and which of the 500 substances contained in the cannabis plant influence sleep quality.

"We have a historic opportunity permitted by the law," said biologist Bunix Mechoso.

"There are uses and effects

attributed to cannabis that interest us for analysis," added Atilio Falconi, a neurobiologist who specializes in sleep.

The marijuana law -- the first like it in the world -- was approved by lawmakers on the initiative of leftist President Jose Mujica. It is scheduled to come into practice by April 2014, after specific rules and regulations are devised.

It authorizes the production, distribution and sale of cannabis, allows individuals to grow their own on a small scale, and creates consumer clubs -- all under state supervision and control.

The legalization of marijuana in the small country of just 3.2 million inhabitants has also drawn the interest of pharmaceutical companies around the world, who want to buy the drug for medical uses.

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## Hong Kong to cull 20,000 chickens after H7N9 found

HONG KONG (AFP) - Hong Kong will cull approximately 20,000 chickens after discovering the H7N9 avian influenza virus in a batch of poultry imported from mainland China, authorities said Monday. The positive reading came just days after the southern Chinese city introduced widespread testing of imported live poultry following growing public concern over the safety of imports, particularly from the mainland. Two people have died from the human form of the virus in Hong Kong since the first infection was publicly reported in December. On Friday the city introduced a serological test for H7 avian influenza in live poultry and soon discovered a batch that tested positive for the virus. Hong Kong health minister Ko Wing-man told reporters late Monday. "All the poultry in the wholesale market will be destroyed tomorrow morning... the total number of chickens concerned amounts to 20,000," Ko said, declaring the market to be an "infected place". Hong Kong is particularly alert to the spread of viruses after an outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) swept through the city in 2003, killing 299 people and infecting around 1,800. The H7N9 outbreak began in China in February 2013 and reignited fears that a virus could mutate to become easily transmissible, potentially triggering a pandemic.



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## Winners in main categories of 56th Grammy Awards

### Yoko Ono in Beatles family reunion at Grammys



Musicians Alicia Keys (2nd L) and Yoko Ono (3rd L) present Paul Williams, Thomas Bangalter of Daft Punk, Nile Rodgers, and Guy-Manuel De Homem-Christo of Daft Punk with the Album of the Year award onstage during the 56th GRAMMY Awards at Staples Center

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The surviving Beatles on Sunday reunited in spirit with their late bandmates at the Grammys as Yoko Ono danced to the jamming of Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr.

The two living members of the Fab Four were in attendance to receive an award for lifetime achievement for the Liverpool band, widely considered among the most influential acts in music history.

Their son Sean Lennon, who bears a striking resemblance to his slain father with his glasses and unkempt hair, danced respectfully next to his mother. Olivia Harrison, the widow of fellow late Beatle George Harrison, and the wives of McCartney and Starr were also in attendance at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

Joining in presenting the award, singer Alicia Keys noted that past Grammys for best album went in 1973 to George Harrison's "The Concert for Bangladesh," which



Katy Perry performs on stage

raised funds for the war-torn new country, and to John Lennon and Yoko Ono for "Double Fantasy," released just before Lennon's murder in 1980.

Here are the winners in the main categories at the 56th annual Grammy Award.

*Record of the Year (for performers):*

- "Get Lucky" by Daft Punk, featuring Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers

*Album of the Year:*

- "Random Access Memories" by Daft Punk

*Song of the Year (for songwriters):*

- "Royals" by Lorde and Joel Little

*Best New Artist:*

- Macklemore & Ryan Lewis

*Best Pop Solo Performance:*

- "Royals" by Lorde

*Best Pop Duo/Group Performance:*

- "Get Lucky" by Daft Punk, featuring Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers

*Best Pop Vocal Album:*

- "Unorthodox Jukebox" by Bruno Mars

*Best Dance/Electronic Album:*

- "Random Access Memories" by Daft Punk

*Best Rock Album:*

- "Celebration Day" by Led Zeppelin

*Best Rap Album:*

- "The Heist" by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis

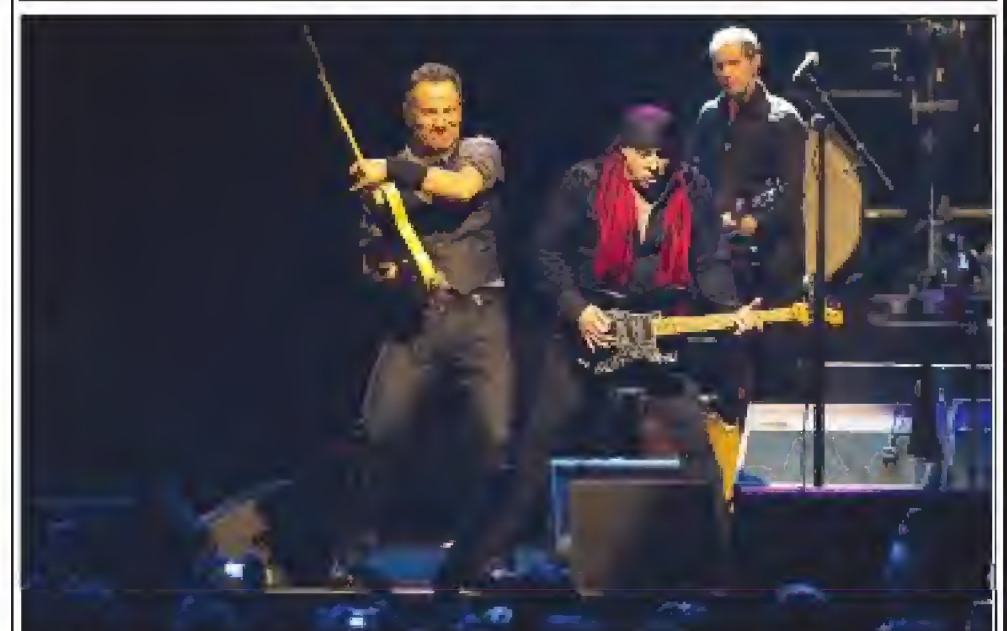
*Best Country Album:*

- "Same Trailer Different Park" by Kacey Musgraves

The music industry's top night turned into the big day for 33 couples on Sunday as Madonna and other stars led a mass wedding at the Grammys in a celebration of gay marriage.

The couples -- some same-sex, some opposite-sex and diverse in race and appearance -- exchanged rings before the Grammys stage at Los Angeles' Staples Center, which was momentarily transformed into a brightly lit church with a gospel choir.

## Springsteen pays tribute to Mandela at 1st S.African show



CAPE TOWN (AFP) - Bruce Springsteen (L) and the E Street Band perform to a full house at the Belville Velodrome near Cape Town on January 26, 2014. Springsteen's concert was his first show in South Africa despite the singer's earlier dedication to anti-apartheid activism in the United States in the 1980s as part of the 'Artists United Against Apartheid' movement. Springsteen also used the concert as an opportunity to kick off his world tour and launch his new album "Hope".

## Manzanero is merited the Lifetime Achievement Award by The Recording Academy for his six-decades in music.



LOS ANGELES : The romantic ballads and boleros of Mexican musician and composer Armando Manzanero (78) added that extra spice to the 56th annual GRAMMY awards. Manzanero, along with seven other renowned artists, has been honored the Lifetime Achievement Award by The Recording Academy at the 2014 ceremony. During his musical trajectory, active since 1950, Manzanero has recorded 30 albums and composed over 400 songs. Armando Manzanero is the man behind the songs that our abuelitos and even parents, have fallen in love to. "Ofcourse they will survive, because as long as couples have to say 'I Love You' they won't say it with a reggaeton" he said after being asked whether or not He sees Ballads and Boleros surviving the current market.






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## Report: Apple Considering Netherlands for European Data Center



An aerial view of Apple's data center campus in Maiden, North Carolina. Apple is reportedly considering a new data center in the Netherlands. (Photo: Apple)

THE HAGUE - A small town in the Netherlands may be the future site of a European data center for Apple (AAPL), according to media reports. Apple's project, codenamed "Saturn" could bring 150 to 200 jobs to Eemshaven, in the Groningen province, a popular European destination for data centers.

According to media reports, a 40 hectare (98.8 acre) plot has been reserved for Apple. The region boasts numerous power generating stations, and a 156 megawatt wind farm. It is also home to the end of a high-capacity transatlantic

fiber cable.

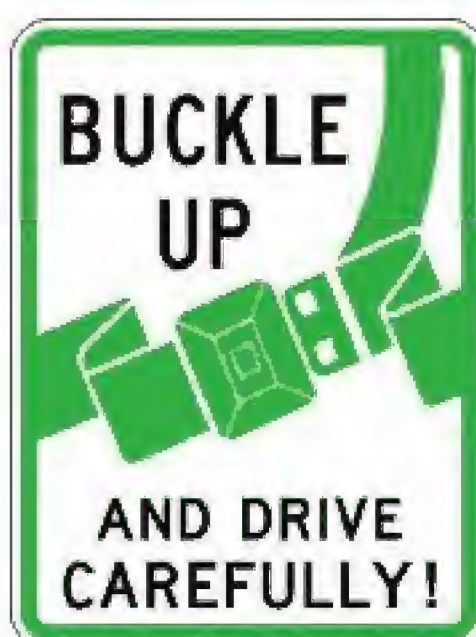
With Apple striving for 100 percent renewable energy use in its data centers, the proximity to a 156 megawatt wind farm makes sense. With around 1,000 megawatts installed or under development currently, the Netherlands has plans for an additional 4,450 megawatts in wind farms at sea by 2023.

A Growing Data Center Hub

The Netherlands is a prominent European location for data centers, with Amsterdam providing a wealth of connectivity options, one of the

fastest Internet Exchange points in Europe (AMS-IX), and available space to build. Google has operated its data center in Eemshaven for over six years now. Listing the Netherlands as a strategically important market, Digital Realty partnered with Dutch Telecom KPN last summer to build a data center in Groningen. Colt operates a data center a few hours south of Groningen, and recently expanded with 1.65 megawatts of power and 10,000 square meters (107,639 square feet) of space.

It has also been reported that Microsoft is building a 17.5 megawatt data center in Noord-Holland, just south of Groningen, and north of Amsterdam.



## Samsung, Google sign patent-sharing deal

SEOUL (AFP) - Samsung said Monday it had signed a long-term cross-licence deal with Google in a move to help the South Korean technology firm stave off potential patent disputes in the future.

The move comes as the South Korean firm is engaged in a series of long-running copyright infringement rows with Apple over technology and design in the firms' smartphones and tablets.

Samsung said in a statement Monday that its agreement with US Internet search giant Google will cover the firms' existing patents as well as those filed over the next 10 years.

It said it would cover "a broad range of technologies and business areas", without elaborating further.

Samsung said the latest deal would pave the way for deeper collaboration on research and

development.

Almost all of Samsung's smartphones and tablet computers are powered by the Android operating system made by Google.

But Google's purchase of Motorola Mobility and the rollout of its own Nexus mobile devices raised questions that the two partners may soon directly compete against each other.

Samsung -- the world's top maker of smartphones and TVs -- has repeatedly locked horns with its US rival Apple in global patent battles over technology and design in smartphones and tablet computers.

Earlier this month, the companies' chief executives agreed to attend a mediation session to discuss their legal wrangles, one of which saw a US court order Samsung to pay Apple more than \$900 million.



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## Argentina eases public's access to dollars

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentina eased unpopular restrictions on its citizens buying dollars Monday, after allowing the peso to plummet in value last week in a bid to stem capital flight.

The peso held its value in early trading Monday at a little over eight to the dollar, the financial website Ambito.com said, as the new policy softened controls in place since 2011.

Buenos Aires kept a \$2,000 monthly limit on hard currency its citizens will be allowed to purchase.

Jorge Capitanich, head of President Cristina Kirchner's cabinet, told a news conference that large businesses and investors will be remain barred from the hard currency purchases.

Instead, he said, permission to purchase dollars will be restricted to "salaried workers, professionals, self-employed workers and small business owners," who earn more than \$900 (7,200 pesos) a month.

Sales are also limited to 20 percent of earnings, according to AFIP, the national tax agency, which must approve the transactions.

If their request is approved, he said, they will be given access to the dollars after 72 hours.

Capitanich said the government has reversed a decision announced last week to lower a surcharge on credit card purchases abroad and dollar purchases for foreign travel from 35 percent to 20 percent.

That surcharge now will remain at 35 percent, he said.

With the measures, the government is attempting to reinstate confidence amid high

inflation and capital flight that has sharply eroded Argentina's international reserves.

Economist Rodrigo Alvarez said it was unlikely that the easier access to hard currency will lead to an end in black market trading.

Last week's decision to ease access to dollars was made after the Argentine peso suffered its worst single-day fall in more than a decade.

The currency turmoil in Argentina and other emerging countries sent shock waves through world financial markets last week worried about the global impact of China's slowing growth.

Since the beginning of the year, the peso has lost about a fifth of its value, and the measure was seen as a bid to halt that precipitous slide by boosting confidence in the economy.

The recent economic upheaval comes 12 years after Buenos Aires roiled financial markets by defaulting on nearly \$100 billion in bonds, unleashing a tidal wave of capital flight and runaway inflation.

Argentines remain traumatized by the 2001 collapse, which wiped out the savings of millions of people from the middle class and saw the end of the peso's fixed exchange rate to the dollar.

Officials said this week's currency market changes, which are a de facto devaluation of the peso, are being put in place to avoid a repeat of that fiasco.

Early trading on Monday showed that the peso was holding steady at that rate, and was trading on the black market at about 11.7 pesos per dollar.

## Megaport Mariel inaugurated amidst Cuban commerce push



Image released by official Cuban website [www.cubadebate.cu](http://www.cubadebate.cu) on January 26, 2014 of the port of Mariel, 45 km west of Havana, which will be inaugurated on Monday by Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff and Cuban President Raul Castro. The works are financed by the Brazilian government.

MARIEL (AFP) - Cuba inaugurated its new Mariel "mega-port" Monday, in hopes the project will symbolize a more open stance towards commerce and become a regional hub for shipments despite a lack of investment and the US economic embargo.

Leading the ceremony were Cuban President Raul Castro and his Brazilian counterpart Dilma Rousseff, whose country provided technical and financial help for the port's construction in the joint project.

Only the first 700 meters (2,300 feet) of what is slated to be a 2,400-meter quay were inaugurated Monday, with hopes the project will welcome one million containers per year when finished.

"From this moment, Mariel is part of the Cuban and Latin-American port system" Castro said. "It's the first phase of the project, we must continue working," he said.

After cutting an inaugural ribbon with Castro, Rousseff said that "Brazil is proud to be associated with Cuba on this project, the first large terminal port for containers in the Caribbean."

But Mariel, located 45 kilometers west of Havana, still faces major hurdles including lack of investment and the

American economic embargo placed on the communist island for the last half-century.

Cuba is hoping to establish itself as a regional hub for shipments from Asia after an expansion of the Panama Canal is completed in 2015, allowing for the passing of larger ships carrying up to 12,000 containers.

The largest infrastructure project ever launched by Cuba, Mariel will cover some 465 square kilometers and include a free-trade zone where foreign-owned factories can produce goods for other markets.

Authorities are hoping the goods redistributed across the Atlantic from Cuba will allow the island nation to reassume the status of commercial nerve center it once held during the Spanish empire's grasp on Latin America.

Cuban authorities have already indicated that they will target high-tech businesses, particularly in agro-business, biotechnology and information technology.

According to Ana Igarza, director of Mariel's Special Development Zone (ZED), "investment proposals" have already been put forth by businesses in Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Chile and the Dominican Republic.

Rousseff said Monday that Brazil wants to be a "first-order economic ally to Cuba." Her government already financed \$302 million of the first phase of the project and \$209 million towards its free-trade commercial zone.

And a logistical base is already in place for foreign businesses related to oil. A highway and railway linking the port to Havana are already under construction.

But all these projects require capital that is still largely lacking, particularly in light of the US embargo.

"We need investments of around \$3 billion per year," Cuban economist Juan Triana, of the University of Havana, recently estimated.

The opening of the mega-port comes as the communist island prepares to push through a new law on foreign investment in March meant to attract much-needed capital for the country's sagging economic system.

Built by the Brazilian company Odebrecht with the help of a \$600 million credit from Brazil, the port will be managed by PSA International of Singapore, which already runs several of the world's largest ports.

Monday's ceremony was attended by Latin American and Caribbean heads of state who participated in the inauguration on the sidelines of the summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).

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8 Host Trebek  
9 Cricket sounds  
12 Jimmy Carter's alma mater (abbr.)  
13 Wheel adornment  
14 Fastened, as a door  
16 Mar. follower  
17 Asian holiday  
18 Narc's org.  
19 Hollywood statuette  
22 Nail file coating  
24 Highest minor-league level  
25 Wordsworth poem  
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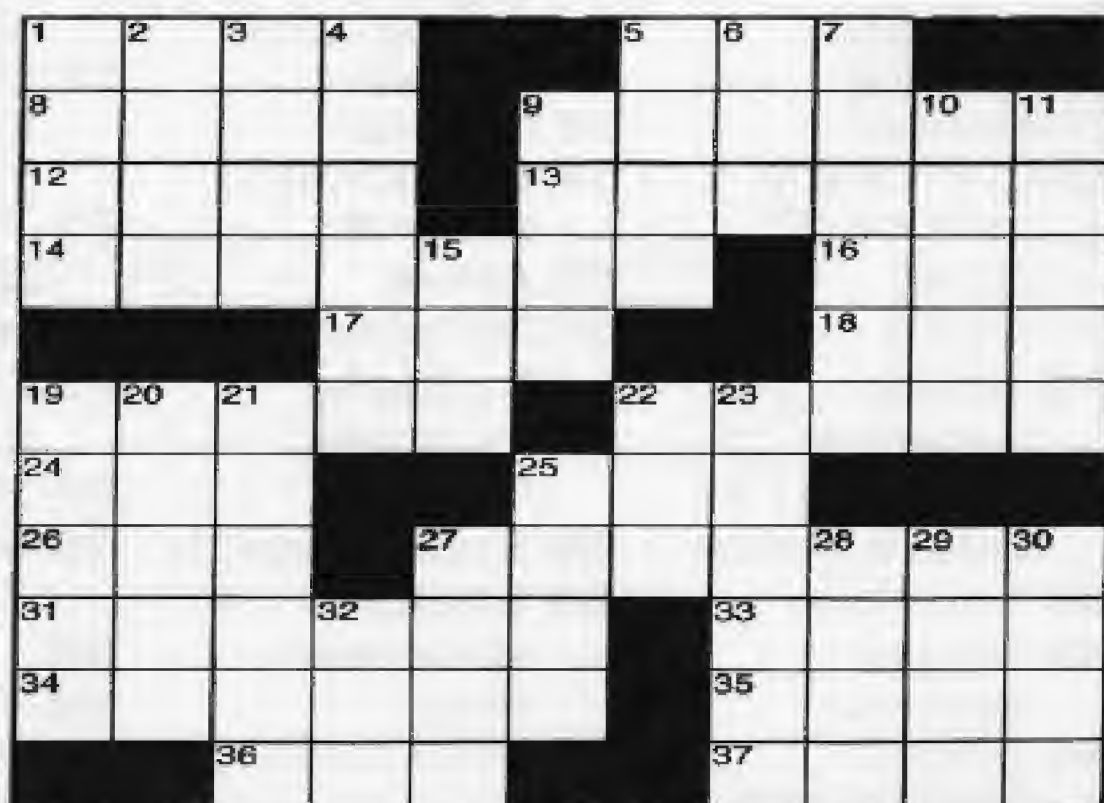
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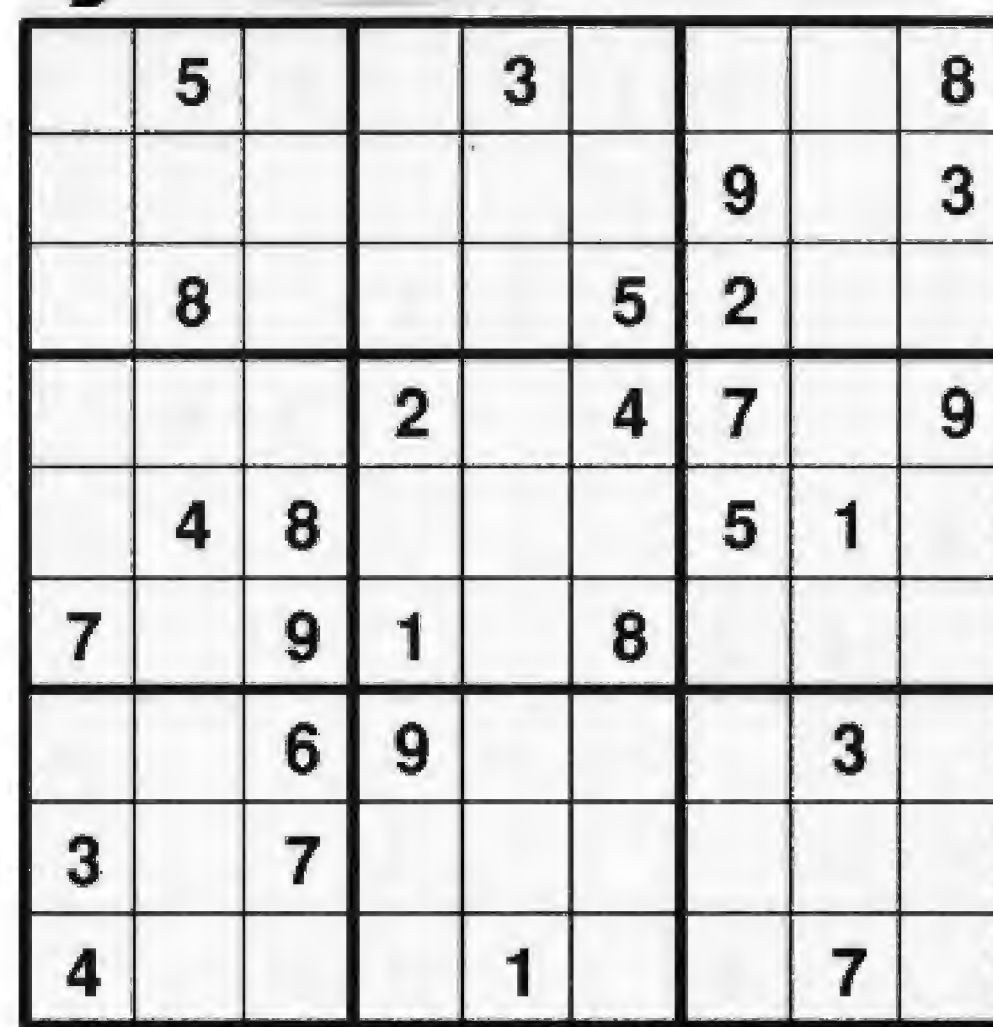
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8	8	2	9	9	2	1	5	5
2	9	2	5	8	8	8	8	1
0	0	8	1	8	9	2	2	9
8	9	1	2	8	2	9	5	6

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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8am, patrons can now order 2

eggs any style (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) and toast for a price of only \$4.99 or All You Can Eat Pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$ .79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

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make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

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## U.S. to send record 230 athletes to Sochi Olympics



COLORADO SPRINGS - The United States will bring 230 athletes to the Sochi Olympics, the largest delegation ever for any country at the Winter Games.

The previous record was 216 by the U.S. in 2010 in Vancouver.

Todd Lodwick in Nordic combined will become the first American to compete in six Winter Olympics. Lodwick's teammate Billy Demong and skier Bode Miller are headed to their fifth. Only three U.S. Winter Olympians other than Lodwick had previously ac-

complished that feat.

The U.S. Olympic Committee said Monday that of the 106 returning Olympians, 49 have won medals, 13 of them gold.

Miller has won five medals and needs three more to tie short-track speedskater Apolo Anton Ohno as the most decorated U.S. Winter Olympian. Snowboarder Shaun White and speedskater Shani Davis could become the first American men to win gold in the same event in three straight Winter Games.

Two women's bobsled push athletes, hurdler Lolo Jones and sprinter Lauryn Williams, become the ninth and 10th Americans to compete at both the Winter and Summer Olympics.

The oldest member of the team is 46-year-old curler Ann Swishelm while the youngest is 15-year-old freestyle skier Maggie Voisin.

## Football: Falcao to fight to bitter end to make World Cup

LISBON (AFP) - Colombian international striker Radamel Falcao said on Monday he would do everything in his power to recover from his serious knee injury in time for the World Cup finals in June.

The 27-year-old -- who has yet to appear at world football's showpiece tournament -- ruptured the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during his side Monaco's 3-0 win in the French Cup over amateur side Chasselay last Wednesday.

However, Falcao, who underwent an operation on Saturday in Oporto, Portugal, said he would draw on the slight hope he had been given by the surgeon that he would be fit for the finals in Brazil.

"They told me there was a slim chance of me being fit for the World Cup finals and I am going to cling to that hope," he

said at a press conference in the city where he first made his name in European football for Porto.

"I am convinced that everything will go well. I feel that I will have to expend all my energy every day to be fit."

Falcao, who played for Porto from 2009-11 before moving to Spanish outfit Atletico Madrid and then a big money move to Ligue 1 title contenders Monaco at the start of this season, will undergo three weeks of rehabilitation treatment at his former club and will also pursue a course of treatment in a hyperbaric chamber.

Falcao's importance to Colombia -- who are drawn in Group C at the World Cup with Ivory Coast, Greece and Japan -- is impossible to over-estimate as he scored a third of their 27 qualifying goals.

### Alpine skiing: Reichelt out for Sochi and rest of season



VIENNA (AFP) - Austrian skier Hannes Reichelt's season has come to an abrupt end just days after winning one of the most prestigious World Cup races and with Olympic Games two weeks away.

The 33-year-old, who delighted a rapturous home crowd on Saturday by winning the downhill in Kitzbuehel, has been diagnosed with a serious spinal disc injury, the Austrian ski federation announced Monday.

The injury, discovered during an MRI exam, required an immediate operation and brings a season that was just picking up to a sudden end.

Reichelt had just been named in the Austrian ski team for Sochi on Monday and was one of the favourites for a medal after his gripping performance in Kitzbuehel.



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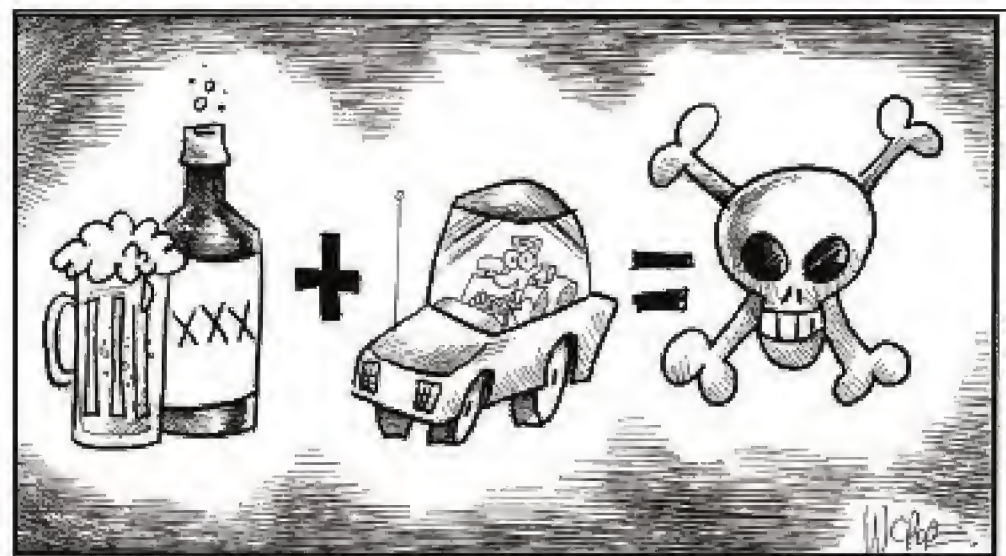
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BOSTON - David Ortiz and the Boston Red Sox have been a match made in baseball heaven since 2003. They have won three championships together, with Ortiz hitting in the heart of each World Series lineup and winning MVP of the 2013 Fall Classic. Entering the final season of a two-year contract, Ortiz is being very vocal about his desire for a new multi-year contract. During an interview with CBS4 in Boston (via ESPNBoston.com), Ortiz said that while he would like to retire as a member of the Red Sox, if the business side of baseball takes them apart, so be it: "As long as they keep offering me a job and I keep doing what I'm supposed to do and the relationship keeps on building up, I'm going to be there. Hopefully, I won't have to go and wear another uniform." These threats aren't anything new for Ortiz, who seems to insist every time his contract gets down to one year that he wants a multi-year extension or will take his talents elsewhere.



JERSEY CITY - Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie may retire if Broncos win Super Bowl. Rodgers-Cromartie arrived in the NFL in 2008, he told himself he'd play five seasons. Now Rodgers-Cromartie is nearing the completion of year No. 6, and he said Monday that if his Denver Broncos win the Super Bowl, it would likely be his last. Rodgers-Cromartie said he's thought about retirement for a while and has told teammates about his leave-on-top dreams.





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## NBA: Heat dominate Spurs in finals re-match

MIAMI (AFP) - The first meeting between San Antonio and Miami since the Heat's triumph in last season's bruising NBA finals went all Miami's way Sunday.

Chris Bosh scored 24 points and LeBron James added 18 as the Heat dominated the Spurs 113-101.

Miami shot an impressive 58.1 percent from the floor and never trailed as they handed San Antonio just their fourth defeat in 20 road games this season.

Bosh connected on nine of 10 attempts from the floor. Mario Chalmers went 6-of-8 in a 16-point, seven-assist effort.

NBA Most Valuable Player James added seven rebounds and six assists before sitting the entire fourth quarter as



Miami nursed a big lead.

Dwyane Wade returned to action for Miami after four games resting his sore knees. He scored eight points with five assists in 24 minutes, coming off the bench for the first time since January 6, 2008.

Tim Duncan scored 23

points for San Antonio, but the Spurs couldn't match Miami's crisp offensive effort.

Spurs veteran Duncan passed Shaquille O'Neal for sole possession of sixth place on the NBA's blocked shots list and moved past Allen Iverson for 20th all-time in points.

He now has 24,691 points and 2,733 blocks for his career.

The Heat made three of their first four attempts from the floor as they opened the game with an 8-0 scoring run.

They set a tone with scorching 72.2 shooting in the first quarter.

San Antonio out-scored Miami 10-4 to open the second quarter to pull even, but the Heat reasserted themselves before the end of the opening half.

Miami led by as many as 29 in the fourth quarter, the margin narrowing after the Heat sent in their reserves.

## International clinic by FINA was a great success



ORANJESTAD - The Aruba Swimming Foundation (AZB), last week organized an international clinic for synchronized swimming judges on Aruba. The world federation of swimming, FINA, every so often organizes these clinics for judges (FINA International Synchro Judges' School) at different places in the world. This time

they decided to come to Aruba for this event. The clinic took place from the 16th to the 18th of January and was held in the Alhambra Conference Center. During the three and a half days of the clinic, Judges were instructed by Ginny Jasontek, US international expert, who happens to also be member of the Technical Synchro Commission of FINA. An exam was made at the end of the clinic.

Results of the exam will be known within two weeks. Only those who pass the exam successfully will be allowed to be a judge at international competitions. Ten persons from Aruba participated in the clinic and 31 persons from abroad.

A social evening at the beach was organized as part of the program. The participants were able to enjoy a beautiful Aruban sunset and our lovely beaches. They were all enchanted with Aruba. They also enjoyed the service received at the hotel where they stayed and were delighted with our people. The organizing committee was Esther Croes and Stella Leslie, who did an excellent job in organizing this clinic.

AZB is grateful to the Divi Resorts for their tremendous co-operation in hosting the event.

## Formula One: Toro Rosso unveil 2014 car

JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA One team Toro Rosso unveiled their new car for the 2014 season in Jerez, Spain, on Monday, ahead of Tuesday's opening pre-season test session. The STR9, designed by the team of engineer James Key, will be powered by a Renault engine, just like



it's big-brother team Red Bull. "This new engine will help the synergy between the two teams," said Toro Rosso Team Principal Franz Toat. "We've already worked extensively with Renault and I enjoyed it a lot," said French driver Jean-Eric Vergne. Toro Rosso, who lost Australian driver Daniel Ricciardo to Red Bull for this coming campaign, finished eighth in last season's constructors championship with 33 points. The team's other driver for the season, which begins in Melbourne on March 16, is 19-year-old rookie Russian Daniil Kvyat.

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## NFL: Chilly-weather Super Bowl brings cold hard cash

NEW YORK (AFP) - With up to \$600 million in economic impact from this week's Super Bowl, it's no wonder New York wants to become a high-rotation host of America's biggest sporting spectacle.

But other National Football League team owners look at New York and echo Frank Sinatra's famous song, saying if the first cold-weather outdoor Super Bowl can make it there, it can make it anywhere -- and bring that financial boost with it.

New York Giants co-owner and organizing committee co-chairman Jonathan Tisch estimated the economic impact on the New York metro area at \$550 million to \$600 million.

That includes not only spending from some of the estimated 400,000 visitors to the region for Super Bowl-related activities but also marketing benefits that might lure tourists and convention business from around the globe.

Super Bowls have only been played in warm cities like Miami, New Orleans or San Diego or in domed stadiums in cold cities like Detroit, Minneapolis or Indianapolis.

If this pioneering effort is a success, it might just give team owners in a dozen outdoor, cold-weather markets like Chicago, Green Bay, Denver or Buffalo the notion that they can win a chance to host the big game and reap the benefits.

New York typically gets plenty of attention from convention groups and tourists even without a Super Bowl, but organizing committee president Al Kelly said the key is the cold-weather timing.

There are also charity initiatives for the region that include rebuilding some areas damaged by Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

The NFL's annual television rights fees will reach \$6 billion this year while a 30-second Super Bowl television commercial will sell for a record \$4 million this year, enduring profits for media partners for some of America's most watched telecasts.

Ticket prices are at record highs and NFL executive vice president Eric Grubman says there is no concern that they have overestimated the desire of fans to pay higher prices on the resale market to sit in the cold at the game.



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## AVB All-Star Game to battle Dutch international footballers

ORANJESTAD - Preparations are in full swing for the second edition of the Aruban Football Bond (AVB) All-Star Game. AVB was founded on January 29th, 1982. In order to celebrate this date they have organized an All-Star Game to give back to the football community by offering them a spectacular football game. This game will be organized every year on the 29th of January.

The best Dutch players will confront the best players of the international league. The coach with the best results of Dutch nationality will be the head coach for the Dutch players and vice versa. The coaches chosen for this year cannot be the same coaches next year because the rule stipulates that they cannot coach for two consecutive years. For the Dutch team, they chose Coach Omar Tromp of RCA and for the international team, Coach Jose Luis Duran of Britannia was chosen. The game will be played under the normal rules of AVB.

**The Dutch players selected by All-Star 2014 are:**

Ryan Kock - Dakota  
Kendrick Dania - Britannia  
Roman "Ale" Aparicio - RCA  
Michael "Macaco" Tromp - Bubali



Terick Ruiz - Britannia  
Francois "Pancho" Croes - Estrella  
George Tromp - Dakota  
Raymond Tromp - Dakota  
Steven Rua - RCA  
Erik Santos - RCA  
Marlon Andrea - Britannia  
Annur Kock - Estrella  
Sylvester Schwengle - La Fama  
Carlos B. Quandt - Riverplate

Maurice Escalona - RCA  
Ronald Gomez - RCA  
Marlon Andrea - Britannia  
Dwayne Raven - Estrella  
John Lugay - Britannia  
Michaelangelo Wild - Na-

cional

**The international players selected by All-Star 2014 are:**

Leon Bedoya - La Fama  
Ricardo Fuller - Britannia  
Luis Morillo Espinosa - Britannia  
Alex Ramirez Viveros - Bubali  
Wveimar Galeano - Estrella  
Carlos Enrique Ramirez - La Fama  
Luis del Castillo - Nacional  
Jean Aser Ulyse - RCA  
Reinier Paraez - Britannia  
Claudio Cavalcante - Nacional  
Ivan Dario Mora - Bubali  
Enzon Para - Britannia

Luis Garcia Sosa - Estrella  
Valdo Leocadia - Nacional  
Carlos Caro Lopez - Dakota  
Albert Francis Roy - Britannia

Sebastian Montoya Cano - Britannia

Jesus Pefiate - RCA

Albeiro Acosta - Estrella

The Halftime Special that was not won during the Final of the Betico Croes Cup, will be offered during the Wednesday game and will begin at Afls.1700. Along with this, one can win a large Domino's Pizza, a case of Coca Cola, a case of Gatorade, an Intro class to CrossAruba and a chance to win an iPad Air from Mio Wireless!

The general public is cordially invited to come out and see the game. Who knows you might be the lucky winner of one of these fabulous prizes.

Entrance is Afls.10 and Silver entrance is Afls.15. One Florin from each ticket purchased goes to the Wilhelmina Cancer Funds. Those with a Season Card may enter free of charge.

Who will win this 2014 All-Star Game remains to be seen. The game will be played on January 29th at 8:00pm at the Centro Deportivo Guillermo Trinidad in Dakota.